



Rita Phyllis Polland

April 21, 1927 - August 13, 2020

Rita Phyllis Polland, 93, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 13, 2020 in Houston, Texas. Rita was born in Chicago on April 21, 1927 and was raised there. There, she met her husband, Joseph Polland, and they were married on November 21, 1948. Most of their 56 years together were spent in Gary, Indiana and Arlington Heights, Illinois before they retired to Delray Beach, Florida in 1993. Joseph preceded her in death in 2004. Rita continued to live in Florida until May 2015 when she relocated to Houston to be closer to family.

Rita was also preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Jeanette Perelgut, and by her brothers Leroy and Jerry. She is survived by her son, Gary Polland (Esther) and her daughter, Sharyl Pickering of Cleveland, Ohio. She is also survived by 4 loving grandsons; Hal Polland, Jonathan Polland (Lainie), Michael Pickering (Jessica) and Robert Pickering (Casey) and five precious great-grandchildren, the icing on the cake. Rita was a remarkable woman and she will also be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and as well as a wealth of friends who she kept in contact with literally until her final day.

Graveside services to be held August 20, 2020 at Westlawn Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois. If desired, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Houston COVID-19 Emergency Appeal,

Fisher House Foundation or a charity of your choice.